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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AEROAMERICA GENERAL MANAGER AND  
CHIEF PILOT RESIGN

REF: BONN 4134

1. RUDY HAHN, GENERAL MANAGER OF AEROAMERICA IN  
BERLIN, VISITED EMBASSY CIVAIRATT APRIL 15 TO REPORT  
THAT HE WAS RESIGNING FROM AEROAMERICA AND HIS REASONS  
FOR SO DOING. HE PRESENTED COPIES OF TELEXS BETWEEN  
THE BERLIN OFFICE AND THE SEATTLE HEADQUARTERS OF  
AEROAMERICA TO DOCUMENT HIS REMARKS. ONE TELEX IS  
FROM BERLIN AND OBJECTS TO A SEATTLE INSTRUCTION FOR  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM BERLIN TO SEATTLE BECAUSE THE  
MONEY WAS NEEDED TO MEET OBLIGATIONS OF THE BERLIN  
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OPERATION. THE OTHER IS FROM JUNE EISENBERG, DESCRIBED  
AS OWNER, SECRETARY OF AEROAMERICA, INFORMING THE  
BERLIN OFFICE THAT THEIR AUTHORIZATION TO DRAW CHECKS  
ON A BERLIN BANK HAD BEEN CANCELLED PENDING THE  
ARRIVAL IN BERLIN OF AEROAMERICA VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
FINANCIAL MATTERS NEESE. NEESE WAS TO EXAMINE THE  
ACCOUNTS OF THE BERLIN OFFICE WITH A VIEW TO BRINGING

THE "BERLIN SITUATION INTO LINE WITH THE OVER-ALL ECONOMIC POLICY OF AEROAMERICA. THE MESSAGE ALSO SAYS THAT "IT IS OUR INTENTION TO KEEP CREDIT RELATIONS IN BERLIN IN ORDERLY FASHION. HOWEVER, THE ENTIRE HEALTH OF THE COMPANY MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT." NEESE SUBSEQUENTLY CAME TO BERLIN AND ARRANGED TO TRANSFER THE FINANCIAL FUNCTION FOR THE BERLIN OPERATIONS TO SEATTLE.

2. HAHN INDICATED THAT HE WAS RESIGNING BECAUSE HE COULD NOT WORK WITH THIS ARRANGEMENT. HE CONSIDERS THAT, IF HE DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO CONTROL EXPENDITURES, AEROAMERICA SEATTLE CANNOT BE RELIED UPON TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS IN BERLIN. EXPENDITURES ARE ESPECIALLY HIGH NOW AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SUMMER SEASON, AND HAHN IS UNWILLING TO UNDERTAKE THESE OBLIGATIONS WITHOUT AN ASSURANCE HE WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THEM. HAHN SAID AEROAMERICA'S CHIEF PILOT, CAPTAIN DIANA HAD ALSO RESIGNED, LESS THAN A YEAR AFTER THE RESIGNATION OF HIS PREDECESSOR. ACCORDING TO HAHN, BOTH RESIGNATIONS WERE BECAUSE OF THE FEELINGS ON THE PART OF THE CHIEF PILOTS THAT THE COMPANY WAS BEING MISMANAGED.

3. COMMENT: THIS LATEST EPISODE IN THE CONTINUING CRISIS OF AEROAMERICA IS A CAUSE FOR SOME CONCERN. THE FACT THAT PAYING OF BILLS WILL NOW TAKE PLACE IN SEATTLE DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT BILLS WILL NOT BE PAID. HOWEVER, IF THE ACCOUNTS OF AEROAMERICA BERLIN PERSONNEL OF PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS BY SEATTLE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRANSFER NEEDED FUNDS FROM BERLIN FOR OTHER AEROAMERICA PURPOSES ARE VALID, IT IS DISTURBING THAT THE BERLIN OFFICE WILL NO LONGER BE IN A POSITION TO BLOCK SUCH TRANSFERS. WE INTEND TO WRITE TO AEROAMERICA PRESIDENT JOEL EISENBERG TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN AND ASK FOR ASSURANCES THAT THE BERLIN OPERATION WILL NOT BE TAPPED EXCESSIVELY FOR AEROAMERICA'S OTHER OPERATIONS.

4. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF FAA COULD EXERT SOME MONITORING OF HOW AEROAMERICA IS KEEPING UP WITH THE OBLIGATIONS OF ITS BERLIN OPERATION. WE HAVE CHECKED INFORMALLY WITH AN OFFICER FROM FAA BRUSSELS AND UNDERSTAND THERE IS LITTLE FAA CAN DO ABOUT HOW AEROAMERICA HANDLES ITS FUNDS, BUT HOPE THE QUESTION CAN BE EXPLORED FURTHER.

ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO EXPLORE WITH FAA POSSIBILITY OF MONITORING AEROAMERICA'S BILL-PAYING IN SOME WAY.

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